

CRIME ISSUES

IRVINE DOC

APRIL 1, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:12) TRT 00:14

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that a case seemed to get stranger by the day. First, a doctor was shot in the face. Then, his partner committed suicide. That day, investigators continued to search the home of yet another doctor looking for clues to solve the crime. Irvine police went into the house that afternoon to look for weapons but their search turned up nothing.

BURIED BODY

APRIL 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:17) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that police were hoping an autopsy would tell them more about a body discovered the previous day. The body was found buried near a business in Highland Park. Authorities said it was so badly decomposed they could not determine if it was male or female. An autopsy would also have helped determine if the person died by natural causes, or if foul play was involved. Police were not revealing how the body was discovered.

DBL HIT AND RUN

APRIL 3, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:25) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that police were looking for the driver of a car that ran sown two people in the Westlake District the previous night. The two victims, one on crutches, were crossing an intersection at Pico. Witnesses said a driver "struck them" and kept on going. Crowds gathered as the two were loaded onto ambulances. They were taken to County USC in critical condition. The LAPD as asking for the public's health to find the hit and run driver.

DYNAMITE STOLEN

APRIL 3, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:36) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that police in Northern California had a mystery on their hands, one that could have had an explosive ending. Investigators said thieves stole four-hundred and 50 sticks of dynamite blasting supplies from an auburn construction site. The dynamite was stolen the previous week.

DRESS ROBBER

APRIL 3, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:22) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that police were looking for a brazen bandit they said was responsible for three robberies. The robber had a strange M-O. He dressed as a female.

IRVINE DOCTOR

APRIL 3, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:33) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a new development in the twisted botched murder plot of a Southland businessman turned to another doctor being considered a suspect. Hazmat crews and police searched the home of Doctor Jerry Nilsoon over the weekend. Police had refused to say what role they believed Nilsoon may have played. Businessman James Riley was shot in an Irvine parking lot on February 28th. He survived the attack. Riley's partner, Doctor Larry Ford, was questioned after the hit, and killed himself three days later. Police had arrested the man believed to be the getaway driver, but were still searching for the gunman.

YEAR OLD KIDNAP

APRIL 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a three-year-old San Marino boy was home safe that night with his seven suspected kidnapers in jail. One of them had already been arraigned.

BABYDOL DELIBERATION

APRIL 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:31) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that after day 4 there was still no verdict in the trial of alleged Madam Jody Babydoll Gibson. Jurors finished their fourth day of deliberations that night, trying to decide whether the 41-year-old aspiring singer was guilty of seven counts of pimping and pandering to high profile clients. If convicted, she faced a maximum of 14 years in state prison.

DRIVER SOUGHT

APRIL 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:34) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported on a frightening walk to school for an 11-year-old girl. Police were searching for a man who tried to coax her into his car. Police said it happened that morning in the 24 thousand block of Newhall Avenue. As the girl was walking to Newhall Elementary School, she told officers a man in his 50's driving an older model white compact car stopped and offered her a ride. She began running to school as the suspect followed. The girl made it to school scared, but unharmed.

FBI MOST WANTED

APRIL 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:37) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported on the FBI most wanted list. James Bulger was wanted in connection with organized crime activities and approximately 20 unsolved homicides in the Boston area. Investigators said he had been on the run for five years with his long time girlfriend, Catherine Grieg. She was recently spotted in Orange County, having her hair done in a beauty salon.

SNICKERS

APRIL 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:41) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a sweet tooth had gotten a petty thief in serious trouble with the LAPD. This East Texas man was sentenced to 16 years in jail for stealing a snicker's bar from a convenience store. Kenneth Payne had a previous conviction for stealing a bag of oreos. Prosecutors said he was a habitual offender, with crimes going back 13 years although they expressed surprise at the tough sentence.

IRVINE SHOOTING

APRIL 4, 2000 9:00 P.M (9:24) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that there was more information that night on the contents of dozens of shootings that prompted the evacuation of hundreds of Irvine residents. Health officials said the liquids in the jars taken from Doctor Larry Ford's home posed no threat to the public. Many residents said it was good to know they were safe. But it was not enough. Doctor Ford killed himself after an apparent botched murder hit. His death set off a bizarre chain of events that lead to the evacuations.

WOMAN KILLED

APRIL 5, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:14) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a friend looked on in horrors as a mother of four grabbed her chest, collapsed and died in front of her. She became the apparent victim of a stray bullet. 42-year-old Imelda Gutierrez was shot as she stood over her neighbor's dining room table. Paramedics rushed her to the hospital, but she did not make it. Police said the bullet had to have come from a two-block area around the apartment. Anyone with any information was asked to contact Compton police.

POLICE DOG DEATH

APRIL 5, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:12) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported on a mistrial declared in an animal cruelty case against a San Diego Police Officer after the jury deadlocks. Officer Lawrence Cahill faced a year in jail for the death of his K-9 partner. The dog was left for 90 minutes inside a closed patrol car the previous summer and died of heat stroke. Cahill said he knew the car's air conditioning was not working properly, but he claimed the dog's death was an accident.

77TH INDICTMENT

APRIL 5, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:14) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported on more trouble for the LAPD that night. Federal charges had been filed against one current police officer and one former officer at the 77th division. The charges stemmed from a 1995 incident. Investigators said Officer Edward Patrick Ruiz and former Officer Jon Paul Taylor submitted a false police report and then lied on the stand. Chief Bernard Parks said the case was similar to the Rampart scandal, but the two were not connected. Both men faced up to ten years in prison if convicted.

DRAGGED DOG

APRIL 7, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:06) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that in Los Gatos, a dog named "Phoenix" was recovering, three weeks after he was tied behind a car and dragged down the street. Prosecutors said the case was serious enough to warrant felony counts against the owner, who claimed he tied the dog to the car to bring him home because he refused to get in the car. "Phoenix" was improving, and other abused dogs would benefit as well from thousands of dollars in donations that had come into the humane society.

TYISHA MILLER

APRIL 7, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:24) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that city officials were filing a lawsuit of their own, in the Tyisha Miller case. Miller was shot and killed in her car by riverside officers who said she was reaching for a gun on her lap. City officials were suing to add that gun maker as a co-defendant in the wrongful death lawsuit brought by her family. The city contended that the gun manufacturer should have educated Miller in the safe handling of guns.

STATER BROTHERS MURDER

APRIL 7, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:31) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported on a break in a Southland murder case. Two teens were in custody that night, suspected in the murder of an 80-year-old Rialto man. Arthur Kuhner was gunned down during a botched robbery outside the Stater Brothers market. It happened the previous July, s Kuhner walked from his car toward the store. Since then, police had been searching for the two suspects. The long wait had been difficult for the victim's widow. One of the few pieces of evidence was a newspaper. Witnesses said both suspects were reading prior to the shooting. That paper ultimately lead to their arrest.

UNRULY PASSENGER

APRIL 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:20) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that an unruly passenger burst through the cockpit door, surprising the flight crew on an Alaska air jet. It happened back in March when the planed landed safely. Witnesses said the 39-year-old Peter Bradley barged into the cockpit and shouted threats and lunged for the controls. If found guilty of disrupting the flight Bradley could have faced up to 20 years in prison and a quarter million dollar fine.

HINKLEY

APRIL 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a man who almost assassinated President Reagan would soon get a taste of freedom. John Kinckley was confined to Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington. Officials there reportedly wanted to let him out on unsupervised daylong visits with his parents. Hinckley shot Reagan and White House Press Secretary James Radey in 1981. A jury found him not guilty by reason of insanity. His doctors claimed his illness was in remission.

SHEPPARD CLOSING

APRIL 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:28) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that jurors were expected to begin deliberating the following day in a lawsuit stemming from one of the most famous murder cases of the 20th century. Doctor Sam Sheppard was convicted of murdering his wife in their Ohio home in 1954. That verdict later overturned because of pre-trial publicity. Sheppard's son, who was seven t the time of his mother's killing, brought the current lawsuit in an effort to clear his father's name. The Sheppard case inspired "The Fugitive" TV series.

TEARDROP RAPIST

APRIL 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:32) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a man accused of being a so called "teardrop rapist" wanted a judge to decide his case. Matthew Gonzalez waived his right to a jury trial that day. He was arrested the previous August on suspicion of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl and an 180-year-old woman. Gonzalez was charged with seven felonies. A judge would hear the case in June.

RODARTE

APRIL 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:34) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on an accused of threatening and terrorizing his former girlfriend and her new boyfriend. That day a jury convicted of misdemeanor trespassing at the home of Yvette Turriaga. She had testified that Rodarte hid in her closet and jumped out threatening to kill her and her boyfriend. Rodarte faced only a small fine and a short time behind bars when he was sentenced the following month.

FEDERAL BUILDING FIRE

APRIL 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:37) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that two firefighters remained hospitalized after being hurt battling the devastating fire in Downtown Los Angeles the previous night. Firefighters spent the day putting out hot spots and tearing down parts of the structure damaged by the blaze. Investigators, including an arson team, were still trying to determine the cause.

PERRIS SHOOTING

APRIL 11, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:21) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that two young girls were fighting for their lives that night in a Riverside County hospital shot in the head in a violent dispute. It happened in a home near Perris. Investigators said James began a three day reign of terror inside the house when his girlfriend tried to break up with him. The woman managed to escape and ran to the neighbor's house for help. During that time, James apparently shot the two girls, and killed himself. The two-year-old girl was his daughter. The other was the woman's child from a previous relationship.

FOUR DEAD CRASH

APRIL 11, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:33) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a teenaged driver charged with 4 counts of vehicular manslaughter had a change of heart. Marcus Lellan said it was time for him to take responsibility for what happened.

MONEY MANAGER

APRIL 13, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:12) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that after being charged with taking cash from his star clients, police said money manager Dana Giacchetto tried to take off. Giacchetto was free on a million dollars bond, pending trial on charges he stole at least 6 million dollars from his clients, including Leonardo DeCaprio. He was nabbed again early the previous day, getting off a flight from Las Vegas to Newark, New Jersey with 4 thousand dollars cash, an altered passport and dozens of first class tickets.

FATHER SHOTS

APRIL 13, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:14) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on a sad update to report on a tragic shooting. A second little girls alleged shot be her father had died. Police said Onis Amos James shot his two-year-old daughter in the head after a fight with his girlfriend. Investigators said James also shot and killed his six-year-old stepdaughter in the violent outburst the previous Monday. James allegedly sexually assaulted his girlfriend, then shot the two girls, before killing himself.

SERIAL MURDER

APRIL 13, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:19) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a former sailor from an American aircraft carrier was accused of conducting a world wide murder spree. He faced charges of murdering five prostitutes in the Detroit area that night, and may have been linked to as many as 20 other murders around the country and worldwide. Police arrested the suspected serial killer along the road overnight. They believed three prostitutes whose bodies were found strangled and dumped near railroad tracks were his latest victims. The 26-year-old suspect lived his home with his wife and child.

BIG DRUG BUST

APRIL 13, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:22) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Federal Agents bust Federal Express workers allegedly at the head of a major drug ting. The operation brought more than a hundred 20 tons of

marijuana into the US from Mexico. More than a hundred people were in custody following the 21 months investigation. Agents seized 35 thousand pounds of marijuana, cash, and other assets valued at more than 4 million dollars.

LAPD CORRUPTION

APRIL 13, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on new developments that night in the LAPD Rampart scandal. A judge that day overturned ten more criminal convictions tainted by the Rampart scandal. The District Attorney was also reportedly ready to seek indictments as a positive step to putting the scandal behind us. 60 cases had been thrown of because of the scandal.

CHP MURDER

APRIL 13, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:31) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on the man convicted of killing a highway Patrol Officer. It was day 2 of the penalty phase for Hung Thanh Mai, and day 2 of the ordeal for the parents of slain officer Don Burt. The previous day, they had to hear Mai turn and tell tem he had killed the officer again. Mai pleaded guilty to the murder. He faced the possibility of the death penalty.

PURSUIT SUSPECT

APRIL 15, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:13) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a suspect who eluded capture for weeks, that night was behind bars. Catching him involved a car chase and a house by house manhunt. 36-year-old Steven Miko was arrested after leading police on a chase from Arleta to north Hills. He was wanted for assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer. He escaped, captured twice before, but after a 5 hour search of the North Hills neighborhood, police finally got their man. Miko were eventually discovered in a horse trailer. He had smeared manure on himself to try and outwit police dogs.

PURSUIT SUSPECT

APRIL 17, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:13) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on a pursuit overnight that lead to the arrest of three armed robbery suspects. A man and a woman were taken into custody immediately, while a third suspect left on foot. He was captured a short time later. It happened just after 9:30 the previous night on the 5 freeway, in Orange County. Police spotted a stolen car with three people inside. That was when the chase began. It wound through Orange County streets at high speeds

and ended on the 91 freeway at the 605. The trio was suspected in a string of robberies in North Orange County.

MISSING LAP TOP

APRIL 17, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:21) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the FBI was looking for a lap top computer that mysteriously disappeared from the state department. It was loaded with "top secret information". The laptop was apparently taken from a conference room the previous week. State Department officials said it was possible the laptop was just misplaced and it was also possible if it was stolen. The thief did not realize it contained sensitive information.

SEIZED PROPERTY

APRIL 17, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:12) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on two seizures of stolen goods that night worth more than two million dollars. The first stash uncovered in a South Central L.A. Warehouse, brand new, never out of the boxes. One man was arrested, but police believed others were involved. In Paramount detectives were serving a search warrant at a Warehouse and found more than one and a half million dollars of stolen Calvin Klein and Hugo Boss clothes. No one was arrested in that seizure. Investigators said several people were under investigation.

KIDNAP MOLESTATION

APRIL 18, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:16) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a West Covina man that was convicted of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl the previous Halloween had just been sentenced in Pomona. William Riley was sentenced to 936 years to life in prison for his crime. The 40-year Riley was seen there shortly after he was arrested. He was convicted of 17 counts and tried as a "third strike" offender. In handing down the sentence, the judge said Riley committed just about every sexual crime possible and should never be free again.

SHOOTING COPS

APRIL 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:09) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that four LAPD officers were barred from drinking alcohol. They were lucky a judge did not put them behind bars. The four men, all officers in the LAPD's Southeast Division, were accused of firing their weapons during an off-duty party the previous summer. A number of beer cans were found in their car that night. No one was hurt. The officers had been relieved of their duties pending an internal investigation. They would be formally charged later that week.

BABY STABBED

APRIL 18, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:13) TRT 00:36

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a judge refused to allow a San Bernardino teen to go to the funeral of the baby she was accused of murdering. The 17-year-old was behind bars at the San Bernardino County Juvenile Hall charged with stabbing her newborn infant to death with scissors. The teen's parents found the baby in the bathtub of their San Bernardino home the previous month. They rushed the teen to the hospital, but left the baby's body there. According to the Coroner's office, the family only claimed the baby's body the previous week and the judge said it was not possible for the girl to attend the funeral.

BODY FOUND

APRIL 19, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:24) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that San Bernardino County Sheriffs discovered a body during a routine narcotics bust. They went to a home in the 27 thousand block of 14th street in the city of Highland the previous day. While searching the property they found a body buried in a shallow grave in the backyard of the home. Homicide detectives were investigating the incident. Investigators said they thought the body may have been buried there for several months. An autopsy was pending to determine the cause of death. Since numerous people lived in the home, there were no official suspects.

MAI VERDICT

APRIL 19, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:27) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a jury had recommended "death" for convicted cop killer, Henry Mai. He took the stand and asked jurors not to give him pity, but to give him death for killing CHP Officer Don Burt Junior.

CHARITY SCAM

APRIL 19, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:36) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that there was a group of crime fighters on the scene with the goal of sniffing out charity scams. Each week the FBI provided these California fraud fighters with the names and phone numbers of potential targets. They called the residents, mostly elderly, and informed them about charity scams and what they could do to prevent being had. L.A.'s top cop felt that a good way to help put an end to the 40 billion dollar a year illegal industry.

GIRL ATTACKED

APRIL 19, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:35) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a manhunt was on for a sexual predator who raped and kidnapped a 14-year-old girl. Police were hoping a sketch of the suspect would lead to his arrest. Police said he forced her into a car, drove around for 10 minutes, sexually assaulted her, then let her go.

DSAACHS ARRAIGNMENT

APRIL 19, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:28) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a man allegedly involved in a bizarre murder for hire plot in Irvine pleaded not guilty that day. Prosecutors said Dino D'Saachs drove the getaway car during the botch attempt in February.

PRIEST SURRENDERED

APRIL 19, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:14) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a former Catholic priest was behind bars that night charged with sexually abusing hundreds of young boys. 66-year-old Patrick O'Shea surrendered to the FBI in San Francisco. O'Shea appeared in court that day to answer an indictment charging him with 224 counts of child molestation. He was being held in the Butte County Jail on five million dollars bail. The alleged molestations occurred over a 16-year period.

STOLEN EAGLES

APRIL 20, 2000 10:00 P.M (10:13) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the disappearance of three eagles from the Santa Barbara Zoo had police baffled, and zoo officials fearing the worst. Officials said the birds were taken late that Friday night and they feared the eagles might have been shot. The only evidence police had was shell casings, blood and a broken feather. The eagles had been injured in the wild and were recuperating at the zoo. One of the eagles was missing a wing and been with the zoo for 14 years. None of the birds were healthy enough to be released back into the wild.

POLICE CHASE

APRIL 21, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a high speed chase lead police off the freeway and onto twisting side streets in Downtown L.A. CHP officers followed the stolen white Ford Mustang on the westbound Pomona freeway and then off on local surface streets. It was not long after they got off the freeway that the driver, along with his passenger, surrendered. The chase began in Fontana.

CHP OFFICER

APRIL 21, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:33) TRT 00:14

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a CHP officer remained hospitalized following a hit and run accident, while the 15-year-old suspect sat behind bars facing attempted murder charges.

YMCA COACH

APRIL 21, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:37) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Charles Lawrence Moore was locked up tight that night facing charges that he violated the trust, and allegedly molested a child. A 13-year-old boy was telling the horrifying story. He was accusing a coach at the YMCA in South LA of assaulting him again and again.

LAPD CORRUPTION

APRIL 24, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:34) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that three Los Angeles police officers were the first to face criminal charges resulting from the Rampart Corruption scandal. The charges were filed a few hours before. Sgt. Edward Ortiz was charged with filing a false police report and conspiracy. Officer Paul Harper was charged with perjury and conspiracy. The officers were not being arrested. They were being allowed to turn themselves in.

RAMPART CHARGES

APRIL 25, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:21) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that three police officers were going to be charged with crimes stemming from the Rampart Division scandal. The charge against the three men was expected to include perjury, conspiracy and falsifying a police report.

JEWELRY ROBBERY

APRIL 25, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:23) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Orange County Sheriff's Detectives were searching that afternoon for a couple of armed men who robbed a jewelry store. It happened that morning at Orange County Diamond Company in Lake Forest. The robbers were apparently lying in wait for the owner, Ash Matta, seen with his hand on his head. The robbery went down after the owner opened the store and made his way back to the back of the building to turn on the main power supply. The owner was very shaken but not physically hurt. There were no security cameras in the store.

PURSUIT SUSPECT

APRIL 25, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:11) TRT 00:34

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a man in a stolen van led police on an hour-long chase that hit speed of 100 miles per hour at times. Police said they spotted the van, ran the license plate and discovered it stolen. When the driver saw the police cars, he took off, leading officers on a chase that went along the 210, 110, and 5 and 105 freeway. The suspect finally exited near 4th Street in Downtown. Police eventually caught him in a backyard on Cummings Street. Police booked the suspect on suspicion of felony evading, driving a stolen vehicle and possession of cocaine.

BROSAN SON

APRIL 25, 2000 3:30 P.M (3:36) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that doctors were predicting a fast recovery for Sean Brosnan. The son of actor Pierce Brosnan was seriously injured early that Saturday morning when he Chevy Blazer he was riding inside plunged 200 feet over an embankment in Malibu. Brosnan was flown to UCLA Medical Center where he underwent surgery on a broken pelvis and ruptured bladder. The five others in the vehicle suffered only minor injuries. Police arrested the driver of the vehicle, 19-year-old James Hall, for possible drunk driving.

MOTOR OFFICER

APRIL 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:22) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that accident sent a motorcycle officer flying through the air. The South Gate patrolman ran into a pickup truck that reportedly pulled right in front of him at the intersection of Garfield and Walnut. Witnesses said the officer flew off the bike and slammed to the pavement. Paramedics stabilized the officer at the scene, then transported him to the hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the truck was being investigated for possible drunk driving.

INTERNET SEX

APRIL 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:13) TRT 00:12

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that police made another arrest in an internet sex sting operation. The Moreno Valley police unit was cracking down on pedophiles and other criminals using the internet to prey on children. Officers said most of people on line in the chat rooms were just interested in cyber sex. A certain few did want to carry out the act in person.

OJ SIMPSON/GTE

APRIL 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:13) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that Simpson was trying to get GTE phone records that he claimed would proclaim he didn't kill his ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ron Goldman. Simpson claimed she was on the phone with her parents, Lora and Juditha Brown, at the time he was heading to the airport. The lawsuit said was a conspiracy to keep the records secret. The judge said come back with some proof.

FURROW

APRIL 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:17) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that white supremacist, Buford Furrow, was fighting the death penalty. Furrow was arrested after turning himself into the FBI in Las Vegas. He was accused of shooting up the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Granada Hills last August, then killing a Filipino letter carrier in Chatsworth. Prosecutors said they would ask for the death penalty if Furrow was convicted. His lawyers filed court papers that day claiming prosecutors did not give the adequate notice of their intention to seek the death penalty.

ZOO SHOOTING

APRIL 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:21) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported that officials were still searching for at least one gunman. That suspect was believed to be 17 to 19 years old and was last seen running down the street in front of the zoo. Authorities were also checking out reports that shots may have been fired outside of the park during the rampage as well.

MARINE KILLED

APRIL 26, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported on a final farewell to a young marine killed in a helicopter crash. The 19-year-old from Long Beach was buried with military honors in Montebello. Private First Class George Santos died when a military helicopter went down near Tucson Arizona April 8th. Santos and 18 other marines were on a training mission at the time of the crash. Most of the marines on board were based at Camp Pendleton. Following the service at "all saints" church in Los Angeles, Santos was buried at resurrection cemetery in Montebello.

SHEPPARD VERDICT

APRIL 28, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:13) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the jury that found the man whose murder trial inspired "The Fugitive" series and film, was wrongfully imprisoned. A jury took just three

hours to reject the arguments of Sam Reese Sheppard, who claimed his father was wrongfully convicted of murdering his pregnant wife in 1954. Sheppard said he was stunned by the jury's decision Doctor Sam Sheppard spend 10 years in prison until the US Supreme Court overturned his conviction. Sheppard died 4 years after his release in prison.

DEADLY PURSUIT

MAY 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:13) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a dispute between tow men turned deadly in Rancho Palos Verdes. L.A. County Sheriff's Deputies were called to the residence in the middle of the night. They arrested 30-year-old David Carl Rice on suspicion of murder. Investigators were saying little about the case, including the likely motive behind the killing.

PITT SHOOTING

MAY 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:16) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that more charges were expected to be filed against a Pennsylvania man in connection with the race-related shooting spree that left five people dead. Police said Richard Baumhanners went on a shooting rampage the previous Friday, killing three immigrants, a Jewish woman and a black man. A search of Baumhanners' home reportedly turned up a three-page manifesto, indicating he was trying to form a political party opposed to immigration. An attorney for Baumhammers said he planned to use a "mental illness" defense.

RAPE/MDR ARREST

MAY 3, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:14) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that on a crime that went unsolved for nearly a decade. Police made an arrest in the rape and murder of a 9-year-old girl. Sandra Astorga's body was found in a remote area of San Bernardino County back in 1992. Thanks to DNA evidence, police said that was the killer, Dean Eric Dunlop, a registered sex offender. Police arrested Dunlop at his apartment in Victorville. Investigators said he was living in San Bernardino at the time of the murder.

IDENTITY THEFT

MAY 3, 2000 9:00 P.M (9:21) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a new report found that identity theft was on the rise. Identity theft happened when someone's personal information was stolen and used to impersonate the victim financially. The information allowed the thief to apply for credit, and charge huge amounts under the victim's name. Assemblywoman Davis had introduced legislation that would make it easier for identity theft victims to clear their name.

OFFICER KILLED**MAY 4, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:17) TRT 00:23**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that flags were at half-staff as Long Beach police officers mourned the loss of one of their own. Officer Daryle Black was killed as someone opened fire on his patrol car the previous Saturday night. Bullets also wounded his partner and a pregnant woman in a nearby home. Black's colleagues vow to catch the cop killer. One theory was that Black was ambushed in retaliation for a recent showdown with gang members.

BIG RIG OVERTURNED**MAY 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:21) TRT 00:19**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a truck overturned on the southbound five freeway in Burbank, creating an evening rush hour traffic snarl at the Western Avenue off ramp. The CHP said a car hit the truck, causing it to overturn. The car then allegedly left the scene, and later broke down. Officers arrested the 21-year-old driver on suspicion of felony hit and run.

FILMMAKER KILLED**MAY 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:26) TRT 00:10**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a confrontation on the Hollywood freeway ended with the death of a promising filmmaker. That night, police had few leads and no suspects in the case of apparent road rage.

7-11 MURDER SUSPECT**MAY 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:28) TRT 00:21**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that 25 thousand-dollar reward was being offered in an effort to catch three suspects in a cold-blooded killing in San Gabriel. It happened April 8th at a 7 Eleven store on Arroyo Drive. Three hooded robbers in their late teens or early 20's gunned down the night clerk, Mohammed Islam. Police said Islam was killed even though he had complied with all the robbers' demands.

TYISHA DRUGS**MAY 8, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:12) TRT 00:32**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on new information about Tyisha Miller, the 19-year-old, shot and killed by four Riverside police officers. Toxicology results revealed that she was under the influence of the illegal drug GHB, when she was killed in December of 1998. The drug could induce semi-consciousness and vomiting, the same symptoms Miller was said to be exhibiting just before her death. An attorney for the officers said the finding justified the quick

actions by his clients. Miller was in a parked car when she was shot twelve times by officers who said she appeared to reach for a gun on her lap.

OFFICER KILLER

MAY 9, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:34) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that tributes were pouring in that day for Daryle Black. The Long Beach police officer was shot and killed over the weekend. They were close to an arrest.

MOTORCYCLE CHASE

MAY 11, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:21) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that drugs were probably involved in an early morning high-speed chase that left a motorcyclist dead. A crumpled up pile of metal was all that was left after the driver lost control and slammed into the back of a flatbed truck in Whittier. He took off when police tried to pull him over for speeding. A short chase ensued, reaching speeds up to 80 miles an hour. Investigators believed the man might have been under the influence of drugs.

SEWER PURSUIT

MAY 12, 2000 9:00 P.M (9:12) TRT 00:34

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a high-speed pursuit took one of the strangest twists yet. The suspect jumped into the sewer system. The chase went from Highland Park to Cypress Park and the sewer standoff continued at that hour. Police had located the man down a manhole. They were tailing to him but he would not give up. It all began in Highland Park where police responded to a report of a man with a gun. The suspect took off, eventually driving to Cypress Park, where he ran from the car, and climbed down a storm drain. Police had the man trapped.

JAIL RIOT

MAY 15, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:22) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that six Latino inmates were charged with attempted murder, following a racially motivated riot. Dozens of black inmates were injured during a fight with Hispanic inmates. The charges came one day after family members of the black inmates came together demanding someone be held accountable. Leaders of the National Alliance for Positive Action said they would file a lawsuit on behalf of the black inmates injured in the riot.

HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING

MAY 16, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the hunt was on for suspects wanted in connection with a shooting near a southland high school. It happened at an apartment complex in Canoga Park around six that evening. Police said the shooting appeared to be racially motivated. They would not say whether it was gang related. They were looking for two young black suspects. The victims were Hispanic. One man was shot in the torso. He was last reported in critical condition. The other man was shot in the leg.

SEA LION DEATH

MAY 17, 1000 10:00 P.M (10:16) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on a disturbing discovery. A sea lion washed up on Bolsa Chica State beach, shot in the head. Marine biologists Dean Gomersall rescued the dying sea lion early Tuesday morning. He said a bullet and three fragments were removed from the 5 hundred pound male's head. The injuries were so sever, it had to be put to sleep. Investigators were trying to determine who shot the animal.

WOMAN ATTACKED

MAY 18, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:33) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that police in North Hollywood were warning women about a rapist stalking the area. The suspect attacked one woman the previous day. It happened near Saint Patrick's Catholic School at Cartwright Avenue and Erwin Street in North Hollywood one day after he tried to rape another woman in the same area.

OFFICER KILLED

MAY 19, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that developments were coming fast and furious in the shooting death of Long Beach officer Daryle Black. Charges were filed, and suspects had been arrested. Investigators were coming up with a motive.

SANDBOX DEATH

MAY 22, 2000 10:00 P.M (10:17) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on a mysterious death in Riverside County. A five-year-old girl found unconscious on a school playground died a short time later. It happened at El Portero Elementary School in Moreno Valley.

DEAD CHILDREN

MAY 23, 2000 10:00 P.M (10:11) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that autopsies were scheduled hoping to solve the mysterious deaths of two little boys in El Segundo. That morning they were found dead in their beds.

MIDWIFE CHARGE

MAY 25, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a former Orange County mid-wife faced criminal charges that night in the stillbirth of an infant. Lori Jensen was charged with the unauthorized practice of medicine. Prosecutors said she illegally injected the mother with a labor-inducing drug. Jensen's attorney claimed the drug had nothing to do with the baby's death. The attorney said Jensen was so devastated by the baby's death three years before, that she quit her long time career as a health care provider.

LUXEMBURG HOSTAGE

JUNE 5, 2000 10:00 P.M (10:21) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the ordeal was over for 25 children and three teachers held hostage for 30 hours at a pre school in Luxembourg. The long hours of waiting ended for parents after police freed their children. A sharpshooter fired two bullets into the head of the hostage taker, critically wounding him. None of the hostages were hurt. Police said the suspect had a history of mental illness.

POOL HALL VIGIL

JUNE 8, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:14) TRT 00:11

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on a candlelight vigil that night for two victims killed in a bizarre accident. The previous night, a Jeep Cherokee plowed into a pool hall hitting eight people.

BALLAS SUSPECT

JUNE 13, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:17) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that police had made an arrest in the murder of a Huntington Beach woman. Police said DNA evidence linked the 21-year-old Victor Miranda Guerrero to the murder of Bridgette Ballas. The 29-year-old died the previous November after she was found brut, beaten on the street. Police believed Guerrero was the suspect in other crimes as well. If convicted, Guerrero faced the death penalty.

PATIENT ATTACK

JUNE 16, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a man was behind bars that night after he allegedly raped his therapist. Irvine investigators said Thai Quoc Ngo punched and sexually assaulted his therapist the previous day during his one-hour session mental health session. After the attack, the 23-year-old would not let the therapist leave. She managed to escape the office. Clients and workers held the door closed until police showed up. The therapist was taken to Anaheim Memorial Hospital for a sexual assault examination.

STABBING DEATH

JUNE 20, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:11) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on an emotional plea that day for a Van Nuys woman. She was asking the public's help in tracking down the man who killed her husband. Police said the alleged killer was her husband's own nephew, Jose Rodriguez. Rodriguez allegedly stabbed his uncle, Alvaro Montenegro at their Van Nuys apartment the previous day, after he tried to counsel his nephew for a drinking problem. Montenegro had just helped bring his nephew into the U.S. from Mexico.

LAGUNA INVASION

JUNE 21, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:15) TRT 00:12

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that that day Orange County Sheriff's investigators released a sketch of the suspect. They said the man entered the 71-year-old woman's Laguna Hills home Saturday morning. The elderly woman was no injured.

APT SHOOTING

JUNE 23, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:14) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on that as police searched for two cold-blooded killers, a wife and four children struggled to go on. A father and husband was killed as he tried to get away from robbers. It happened at a residence on South Center Street in Santa Ana.

FURROW HEARING

JUNE 28, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:09) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that white supremacist and alleged murderer Buford Furrow could face the death penalty if convicted. Furrow was charged with killing letter carrier Joseph Iletto in August, just hours after allegedly opening fire at Jewish Community Center in the San Fernando Valley. A judge that day tentatively ruled that prosecutors could seek the death penalty if Furrow was convicted.

ECONOMY ISSUES

STOCK MARKET

APRIL 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:23) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that Wall Street was a wild roller coaster without the laughs that day. The day included a breath-taking dive, and a dramatic climb back from the bottom. In the end the Dow was down 57 points and the Nasdaq about 75.

HOUSING CRUNCH

APRIL 7, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:29) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that it would soon become easier to buy a home in California. Governor Gray Davis had signed a bill that would allow private mortgage companies to insure loans up to a hundred percent of their appraised value. What that meant was an opportunity to buy a home with zero down. Most conventional lenders required a minimum of three percent down payment.

JANITORS STRIKE

APRIL 12, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:17) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on the janitor strike during the second week. In Pasadena, hundreds of protestors disrupted traffic as they marched outside many of the buildings they were refusing to clean. The strikers' demands included a dollar an hour raise. Management had been offering about half that.

JANITORS STRIKE

APRIL 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:32) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that police were on tactical alert after striking janitors took their protest downtown. The group apparently had a violent confrontation with security guards. Officers from LAPD's central Downtown District had formed a line of defense to keep the crowd of striking janitors under control. Police said the group "Janitors for Justice" may have been armed themselves with sticks during a face-off with security guards. Janitors were demanding a one dollar an hour pay raise. Earlier that day Union negotiations met with cleaning contractors for the first time in weeks to work on a potential compromise.

MARRIAGE TAX

APRIL 14, 2000 2:00 P.M (2:24) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the Senate may decided that day whether to do away with a penalty that would mean higher taxes, after couples walked down the aisle. It was called the marriage penalty tax. The new could pay more to Uncle Sam after they got married, than they paid before saying "I do." Senate democrats said they also wanted to do away with the penalty buy they argued the GOP plan gave too many tax breaks to wealthy taxpayers.

GARBAGE STRIKE

APRIL 17, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:22) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that there was another strike from the workers who took out the trash to the people who carried it to the dumps. Trash haulers in Baldwin Park got out of their trucks and began walking the picket line that morning. The members of teamsters local 495 said their contract with waste management ended April 1st. They were dissatisfied with the company's last offer. The two sides could not agree on the size of a proposed pay hike, and the length of the next contract.

MARKET CRASH

APRIL 17, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:33) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that on Wall Street that day, stocks had bee up and they had been down. Stocks had been up because investors were doing some bargain hunting. Stocks had also been down and they could have headed lower again. Some analysts were waiting for the dreaded margin selling to begin.

YOUR MONEY

APRIL 17, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:36) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that on Wall Street that day the market was mixed, and treacherous. They already had some big swings of more than 150 points on the Dow. The experts said it was too early to say that the selling was over.

MARKET CRASH

APRIL 17, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:34) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that investors were nursing their wounds that night after a bear came in and clawed their portfolios. The numbers were staggering. The Dow was down 618 points. The Nasdaq was also down more than 355. A frenzy that had one analyst suggesting some people seemed to be selling for no reason.

JANITOR FOOD DRIVE

APRIL 18, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:25) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that striking janitors had been out of work for more than two weeks. That day they got some help making ends meet. The LA County Federation of Labor was handing out some badly needed bath supplies. They included grocery bags, filled with rice, beans, milk and other supplies. Thousand of bags were handed out at numerous picket lines from Glendale to Santa Monica.

MARKET REACTION

APRIL 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:37) TRT 00:13

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that it was another day for the record books on Wall Street. Instead of the record losses seen the previous Friday, that day the market bounced back and there was a record ground.

JANITOR UPDATE

APRIL 21, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:28) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that striking janitors had turned down a new contract offer. That night, they had yet another rally to show their solidarity, and they received support from one member of L.A. County's Board of Supervisors. Zev Yaroslavsky told the janitors that he understood and supported their fight.

JANITOR STRIKE

APRIL 24, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:33) TRT 00:13

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported on new threats that night in the L.A. janitors' strike. The strike was either close to being settled or about to break out into war on the streets. Several attempts were made to reach the Chief Negotiator for the janitorial companies. But he did not return any phone calls. They also tried to interview officials from the American Building Maintenance Company. A security officer said the company would have no comment

JANITORS STRIKE

APRIL 25, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:34) TRT 00:14

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the three-week old janitors' strike could have been ending that afternoon. The 85 hundred janitors would vote later that day on a new contract, the details of which had not yet been made public.

DISNEY/TIME WARNER

MAY 2, 2000 10:00 P.M (10:13) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that millions of viewers from coast to coast were not getting ABC programs on their cable systems. It was a showdown between media giants Disney who owned ABC and Time Warner who owned cable systems in 11 cities from LA to New York, Houston, to Philadelphia. At issue, Disney attempted to raise fees and push its other programs. Time Warner balked and pulled the programming, sending Disney lawyers running to the FCC asking for an injunction. The cable blackout came during the crucial May ratings.

STOCKS

MAY 9, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:37) TRT 00:45

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that it was a brutal day on Wall Street that day after several big companies warned Wall Street investors that their sales were falling and their profits were falling. There were worries about interest rates going up. For the NASDAQ it was another tech wreck. Novell was the big loser. Novell made software for computer network systems and its warning of lower sales and profits. Shares of Novell were down about 30 percent. A major issue continued to be interest rates. There were worries that the Fed would raise interest rates by one half percent in two weeks.

STOCKS

MAY 15, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:34) TRT 00:38

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that on Wall Street that morning, there were worries about the Fed raising interest rates again and more worries about companies with slower sales and lower profits. The NASDAQ was starting to show some stability for the internet stocks, and some analysts were saying that perhaps the correction for the tech stocks might be ending.

HOLIDAY BOWL

MAY 26, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:34) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the southland landmark that brought together all walks of life, was about to close its doors. That weekend, the "Holiday Bowling Alley and Coffee Shop" was striking off for good. Business at the Hollywood Bowl had been sliding into the gutter since the late 1980's. No one knew what, if anything, would happen with the property.

UNEMPLOYMENT

JUNE 6, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:23) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the jobless rate the previous month was 4.1 percent, up very slightly from the month before. The unemployment rate was near some of the lowest levels in three decades.

HOUSING SHORTAGE

JUNE 9, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:34) TRT 00:11

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that many moderate-income Americans could not afford decent housing in Washington that day. The National Housing Conference and Center for Housing talked about the critical housing needs for working families.

ONE STOP CAPITAL

JUNE 12, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:31) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that there as new help for people in South Central L.A. who wanted to open a business, but were having trouble getting it off the ground. It was a new store of sorts, called the one stop capital shop. There was a news conference that morning in Watts announcing the grand opening. The shop would serve as a clearing house and referral service for business lenders, to offer loan packaging and technical help for business in South Central L.A.

CREDIT CARDS

JUNE 15, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:37) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that credit card debt maybe a little easier to manage. Lawmakers approved a bill that day that would force credit card companies to warn customers just how long it would take to pay off their debt. The bill's author said debtors were lulled into a false sense of security, thinking that they were shrinking their debts by paying the minimum balances. The bill was approved with a 51-10 vote, and it went to the State Senate for consideration.

STOCKS

JUNE 20, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:39) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that on Wall Street that morning, company officials from BASF rang the opening bell. BASF traded on the New York exchange. Stocks were getting a lift from the hope that the Federal Reserve might be at the end of its campaign to raise interest rates.

ESTATE TAXES

JUNE 23, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:13) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a new Republican proposal could reduce estate taxes. The next day, the House was scheduled to consider a bill that lowered estate taxes over a ten-year period. Republicans said the cut, funded from the projected Federal surplus, was crucial for keeping small businesses in the family. President Clinton was threatening a veto, saying the plan was expensive.

EDUCATION ISSUES

SCIENCE EXPLOSION

APRIL 5, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:19) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that according to a new study, pesticide poisoning was a growing and potentially fatal problem on school campuses in California and throughout the country. A young Fontana boy could no longer go to school with his friends. When he District installed insecticide dispensers inside the classroom, he began to suffer severe allergic reactions to the chemicals. Pesticide poisonings could often be misdiagnosed. The symptoms included headaches, nausea, rashes and difficulty breathing, and in extreme cases, fatal shock.

VALENCIA HIGH

APRIL 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:22) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported on a bomb scare at Valencia High School that sent students home early that day. Twenty-seven hundred students were evacuated from the school after a suspicious object was found in a trashcan in the administration building. The bomb squad blew up the device. The remains would be examined to see if they contained any explosives. Two students were detained for questioning.

LAUSD REORGANIZATION

APRIL 12, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:17) TRT 00:14

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on big changes for the L.A. school system. The school board voted to break up the huge district and divide it into several mini-districts. Many positions would be cut.

ETIQUETTE CLASS

APRIL 14, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:31) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that if you had ever shared a meal with a teenager, you had noticed that table manners weren't quite what they used to be. Now, a chef at UC Berkeley was taking matters into his own hands. What you will see in a Berkeley Dining Hall most of the time was students shoveling food like they were using a pitchfork. At a nearby dorm, Chef Jean-Pierre was giving students proper lessons on how to use a fork and knife. The etiquette class was only for students at a female dorm. But the ladies said the guys could also use some etiquette help themselves.

SCHOOL OWNERS

APRIL 17, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:14) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the search was on that night for the owners of a South Central Los Angeles private school. A married couple had been accused of molestation. Joseph Green and his wife Channell Warren had not been seen since March 30th. That was when a 16-year-old girl filed a criminal complaint against the couple alleging sexual abuse. The couple owned "Enlightened Minds School." Police did not believe the molestations occurred at the school. Parents were still concerned. Police were trying to determine whether there were other victims.

SCHOOL PLOT

APRIL 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:17) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that two California High School students were in custody that night after police said they uncovered a plan to attack and kill students and teachers. Investigators said they two boys were plotting an attack on Summerville High School in Tuolumne County. The two were reportedly going to use knives, swords and axes to kill as many people as possible. In a search warrant, police discovered those weapons along with several guns. Investigators believed the plan had been in the works for more than a year.

CARNEGIE KIDS

APRIL 18, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:14) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a group of young musicians from the Southland area were on their way to the top. Band members from North Park Middle School in Pico Rivera were going to Carnegie Hall. The group was one of nine bands chosen to perform at the famed Concert Hall. After practicing for months, they were just days away from boarding the plane for New York. Parents and supporters of the band said the great achievement sent an important message to teens everywhere that practicing and commitment would help you reach your dreams.

CRISIS RESPONSE

APRIL 19, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:21) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that some Sacramento schools were working on a way to reduce response time in the event of a crisis. Several schools were installing emergency response boxes. The boxes contained information that included all working phone lines, pictures of all students and teachers, aerials as well as blueprints of the school. Duplicate boxes would be kept at the local police station. School administrators believed that was a way to provoke preparation and coordination among the local agencies.

POPCORN MAN

APRIL 20, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:24) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that a college student's extracurricular activity was making a lot of sea gulls really happy, and it was satisfying their appetite. It was a Minnesota college student's interpretation of American Religion, complete with popcorn and seagulls. For several minutes, he laid on his back near Lake Superior as the bird devoured his edible suit. It was actually his friend's idea.

ORANGE TEACHERS

APRIL 25, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:39) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that teachers for the Orange Unified School District were staying off the premises for a one-day strike. They said the purpose was to alert the community that the district had a real problem.

SOCIAL PROMOTION

MAY 4, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:23) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that officials at the LA Unified School District announced that day they planned to hold back about 13 thousand students that fall, when the district ended social promotion. That was far fewer students than the hundreds of thousands they once feared. Unless the students dramatically improved their performance during summer classes, 97 hundred second-graders and 38 hundred eighth-graders would be held back and placed in special remedial programs to boost their basic skills.

TEACHER

MAY 9, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:26) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on another tribute to the popular Florida teacher killed by one of his own students the previous week, this one from his wife. Pamela Grunow held an emotional news conference that day, thanking everyone for their support after her husband's death. A thirteen-year-old honor student he had reached out for shot Barry Grunow dead at a Fort Worth Middle School, allegedly. Most remembered Grunow as a mentor, coach, and counselor, who loved his family and students.

SPELLING BEE

MAY 12, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:19) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that no matter where you turned, Regis Philbin seemed to be there, even at the National Spelling Bee. It was a good try, buy Amy Bitely's call for help went unanswered, and she went down in defeat. 12-year-old George Thamby emerged that day

as that year's winner. Thampy beat out 248 other contestants with the word "demar". It meant a course of action or maneuver. Just the previous week, the home-schooled 7th grader placed second in the National Geography Bee.

LAUSD SUPERINTENDENT

MAY 17, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:13) TRT 00:37

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Reuben Zacharias was forced out as school Superintendent months before. The school board had been struggling to find his permanent replacement ever since. Whoever the new superintendent would be would take over a 7.5 billion dollar operation; one that had poor student test scores, severe overcrowding, and was being re-organized.

MARIJUANA JANITOR

MAY 24, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a Long Beach school janitor had pleaded guilty to selling marijuana to students on campus. The janitor sold drugs to students at Cubberly Elementary. That day a judge sentenced Mark Jackson to five years in prison for the crime. Jackson, who turned 33 the following day not only sold marijuana on the campus. He also used a 13-year-old student to help him.

YEARBOOKS PULL

MAY 30, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:29) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a yearbook should have been a lasting reminder of memories, but in Moreno Valley, they had to pull the yearbook off the shelves because of dirty language, and controversial images.

LAUSD SUPERINTENDENT

JUNE 7, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:18) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the L.A. City School Board had picked former Colorado Governor Roy Romer as Superintendent. The board announced its choice on the patio at District Headquarters. Romer was responsible for the education of 712 thousand students. Romer warned that improvement in the schools was not going to happen overnight.

TRAFFIC MURAL

JUNE 12, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:21) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that students at Wilmington Middle School had walked away with bragging rights. That day the students won first place for a traffic safety mural. The mural was about eight feet tall and it was intake school cafeteria. It was part of a program that promoted positive graffiti to deploy the importance of traffic safety. For their hard work, the students won one thousand dollars for the school's art department. The mural would be displayed until the end of the year.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

JUNE 14, 2000 9:00 P.M (9:28) TRT 00:47

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that parents of college bound students knew how expensive a college education could be. But there were many ways to get scholarships that people did not know about. Some scholarships were not even based on merit or need, but were given to members of certain organizations, geographic areas, and ethnic groups. One student had written a book on obtaining scholarships after getting 90 thousand dollars in aid to attend Harvard. The government was helping some families with college students. They would let you lock in on the current interest rates on a student loan before the expected rise in interest rates took place.

LAUSD ARREST

JUNE 19, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:22) TRT 00:14

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that an 11-year-old girl was allegedly just on of his young victims. That night, police had arrested a L.A. Unified School District employee who they said molested more than a dozen children.

CLINTON SCHOOLS

JUNE 21, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:16) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that President Clinton appeared at a Harlem Elementary School that day with pop star Billy Joel. The President stressed the need to incorporate music back into the curriculum. He pointed to a study which showed kids who played instruments did better in school. The President's appearance was part of a VH One sponsored "Save the Music" Camp.

GORE EDUCATION

JUNE 23, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:12) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Vice President Al Gore was making education his number one priority on the campaign trail. The Vice President appeared that month on the "Today Show", with Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura. Gore proposed tripling the spending for education and emphasizing "special" education reform. Governor Ventura was joining forces with Gore on this issue. He has a daughter who was a special education student.

PRINCIPAL MURDERED

JUNE 27, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:17) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the same Long Beach jury that convicted him of murder now said Gilbert Rubio should die for the crimes. Rubio was found guilty of the January 1998 shooting death of Earl Warren High School principal, George Blackwell. Rubio's girlfriend and another man were also convicted in the case. Both were sentenced to life in prison without parole. Rubio was set to be sentenced August 10th.

HOMELESS GRADUATE

JUNE 27, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:31) TRT 00:36

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that it was an accomplishment to be proud of graduating from High School Five high school students from San Dimas attended a unique school that gave homeless teenagers a place to learn, away from the taunting and teasing they might get at a regular school. The school provided everything from clothing to Medicare. On Friday, the school would have a graduation ceremony and its first prom. One of the five students graduating would join the military. The other four planned to go to college.

FWY SHOOTING

JUNE 28, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:20) TRT 00:09

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a popular former principal had been gunned down during rush hour on a busy Southland freeway.

HOME SCHOOL

JUNE 29, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:17) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that an Indiana teen had quite a future ahead of her, after walking away with a perfect record. She was home schooled her entire life. 18-year-old Abigail Mitchell said she was shocked after learning about the perfect school. She also won an 80 thousand dollar full scholarship from the National Society of Manufacturing Engineers. Mitchell

who worked in her father's machine shop was pursuing a double degree in mechanical engineering and mathematics.

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

SOUTHERN STORMS

APRIL 4, 2000 12:00 P.M (12:13) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that violent storms continued their path of destruction in the Southeast the previous night. High winds, hail, and tornadoes ripped off roofs and tossed trees into power lines in Georgia. Dozens of homes were destroyed after a tornado hit 50 miles south of Atlanta. Officials were estimating at least 3 to 4 million dollars in losses. No injuries had been reported.

SOLAR FLARE

APRIL 7, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:14) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that there was a major flare up that could light up the evening sky that night. Scientists spotted the solar storm earlier that day but they did not expect it to knock out electricity or disrupt communications. Spectacular sightings of the Aurora Borealis or Northern lights were reported the previous night in Scotland and Ireland. Forecasters said the intense portion of the storm passed by midday that day. There was a chance of more storm activity the following Sunday.

HOUSE FIRE

APRIL 10, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:17) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a screaming neighbor, pounding on the door, awakened two families as a blaze tore through their duplex. That warning saved the lives of four adults and eight children who ran from the flames just in time. The blaze on West Palm Street in Compton apparently started in the attic by some sort of electrical problem. The duplex was badly damaged and those families had been forced to stay with relatives.

MADISON SNOW

APRIL 10, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:22) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 reporter Marti Skold reported that a blizzard hit Wisconsin that day. Near white out conditions made traveling the highways almost impossible. School districts around the state closed at mid-day to let kids and parents avoid traveling in blizzard conditions. It was expected the storm would dump ten inches of snow.

BASIN RAIN

APRIL 14, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:31) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the torrential rainstorm made driving treacherous. Cars slammed into each other all over Southern California roads and freeways.

ARCADIA RAIN

APRIL 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:14) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the heavy downpour that day had a lot of Arcadia residents fearing mudslides. All day long public works officials monitored the hills in Arcadia and said they were extremely prone to mudslides. The last time L.A. was hit with enormous rains, many homes narrowly missed the sliding hills. That day, however, disaster was averted thanks to drainage canals and other safety measures set up that day.

NORCAL RAIN

APRIL 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:18) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 reporter Marti Skold reported that the rain that had been falling all day pelted Northern California before making its way to the Southland. The same system that was responsible for our weather woes first began falling in Sacramento over night, and continued well into the day. Several inches had already fallen in the Capitol city. That same weather system was responsible for over a foot of snowfall in the Sierras.

TAP FROM TOILET

APRIL 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:23) TRT 00:45

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a new state water project that cleaned toilet water and then re-routed into your tap was raising a lot of eyebrows. The 35 million dollar project was designed to provide more city water. It took billions of gallons of sewer water, put it through a 5-year purification process and sent it to your tap. Supporters said it was safe and drastically reduced the amount of water taken from L.A.'s aqueduct. A lot of people wanted other alternatives.

MICRO SCIENCE

APRIL 19, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:26) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 reporter Marti Skold reported that some powerful winds whipped through the Southland that morning leaving a path of destruction. Many believed it was a tornado. But there was another weather event that was just as damaging as a twister.

DAMAGE IN PARAMOUNT

APRIL 19, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:21) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that people were still reeling that night after a frightening storm battered Southern California. The hardest hit was in the city of Paramount where a microburst severely damaged mobile homes and businesses.

MINI TORNADO

APRIL 19, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:24) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that some of the worst destruction from the storm happened at a mobile home park in Paramount. The wicked winds ripped off roofs, tore away awnings and lifted several homes from their foundations. Pieces of metal were tossed into trees, dangled from power lines and thrown on top of cars. The destruction took many residents by surprise. Government meteorologists said it was a "micro-burst," and not a tornado, that caused the damage.

LIGHTNING STRIKE

APRIL 19, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:26) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that weather sparked a powerful light show in Altadena. A lightning bolt hit a home's wiring system, burning out the electric panel. The homeowner said it sounded like a sonic boom, then everything went dark. When the homeowners went outside to check out the damage, they found the ground covered with large balls of hail.

HAZMAT SPILL

APRIL 20, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:34) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that hazmat crews were in Azusa working to keep a 5 thousand gallon tanker from exploding. Emergency officials had evacuated more than 2 thousand people from the industrial area near the 17 hundred block of West First Street. Investigators said the problem began around 9 that morning when fumes began seeping from the chemical filled tanker. Crews were working to keep the truck cool to prevent it from exploding. Workers said they should have everything under control by 6pm that evening.

COMMERCE FIRE

APRIL 20, 2000 3:30 P.M (3:36) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a business in Commerce went up in flames and investigators tried to find out what sparked the blaze. The fire tore through the roof of a metal plating business on Saybrook Avenue late the previous night. A hazardous materials team was dispatched to see if the fire was a threat to surrounding businesses, because of the materials inside the building. No one was hurt.

AIR QUALITY

APRIL 21, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:13) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a new report showed residents were breathing better air. According to a recent report by the EPA America's air quality was better than it had been in 30 years. Carbon monoxide levels had declined by 60 percent and ozone levels down by 30. While air quality was improving, officials said the nation could breathe evenly if we focused on fixing bottlenecks. Officials said fixing bottlenecks would save consumers time and money while improving traffic safety.

NEW EARTH VIEWS

APRIL 22, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:22) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that colored images of the earth gave scientists a better picture of the differences of land, waters, and clouds in various regions of the earth. Terra was launched in December. Its mission was to collect data of the earth to help scientists better understand our global environment.

SAVING ENERGY

APRIL 22, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:24) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that the call to save energy had apparently been heard by Californians. According to a new study, efforts to conserve energy had saved Californians 34 billion dollars since 1977, and may have played a part in the state's expanding economy. The report said the simple changes such as improved wall insulation and replacing outdated appliances could cut as much as 400 dollars from an annual utility bill.

DAMAGED HOMES

APRIL 23, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:33) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that in Rowland Heights, residents woke up that morning to find trees uprooted and a big mess after the severe storm roared through their neighborhood. Packing tornado like winds, the storm ripped homes to pieces in Diamond Bar. Some said they did not know what hit them. The storm left about 17 thousand people without power. Fortunately, there were no injuries reported.

BELLFLOWER DAMAGE

APRIL 23, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:14) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported Bellflower was pummeled by the storm. Mighty winds uprooted trees and tossed them onto cars. Bellflower was the work of a tornado. They said it

was most likely a microburst and the winds that topple those trees blasted at about 75 to 80 miles per hour.

SNOW WATCH

APRIL 25, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:18) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the winds blew and the skies rained in the lower elevations but in the mountains, it snowed. Several inches of snow fell in the San Bernardino Mountains, making it look more like the dead of winter rather than Spring. Residents were of two minds over the unreasonable snowstorm. Schools were closed that day because of all the snow. Ski resorts had closed for the season just a few days before.

SOUTHERN STORM

APRIL 25, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:14) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that violent storms and howling winds left behind a path of destruction in the Southeast the previous night. Tornadoes ripped off roofs and tossed trees into power lines in Georgia. Dozens of homes were destroyed. One woman in Alabama was killed. Seven others were hurt. Officials said the damage would run into the millions of dollars.

SHUTTLE CELEBRITY

APRIL 26, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:27) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported on a mission accomplished that night for a shuttle flight that mapped 80 percent of the earth's surface. Radar images collected by the shuttle helped create the computer animated pictures. They included the San Andreas Fault through Bakersfield and Palmdale. The three-d maps would help predict earthquakes. Besides earthquake prediction, the maps could be used to determine where to put cell phone transmitters and even determine the best places for hiking trails.

TOXIC HOUSING

APRIL 26, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:17) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a massive clean up was underway in a Bay area town after its children were exposed to "lead contaminated" soil. The environmental protection agency had moved in with trucks and bulldozers to remove the soil. It had declared a Richmond apartment complex a toxic site and put up warning signs. The complex housed 247 children and a daycare center. Five of the children showed mildly elevated levels of lead in their blood. In the fifties, the area housed a shop which painted railcars with level based paint. The four-month cleanup cost five million dollars.

HOT WEATHER

APRIL 28, 2000 3:30 P.M (3:33) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that throughout the Southland it was the dog days of summer came a little early. It felt like cactus weather. It was actually time to get those tomatoes in the ground. Nurseries proved to popular places that planting season was here. Two other booming businesses were ice cream shops and ice delivery.

SATELLITE LAUNCH

MAY 4, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:17) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that NASA's new "Goes-L" was launched in orbit that day without a hitch. That was welcomed news for the space agency since the launching was delayed by a year because of engine problems. The satellite would be used as a backup to help various agencies monitor hurricanes, tornadoes and other severe storm systems. The official start of hurricane season, was just a few weeks away.

DEBRIS/SOUTH AFRICA

MAY 8, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:24) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that some folks in South Africa had a NASA experience they would not soon forget. Two huge pieces of mysterious metal fell from the sky and landed on farm near Cape Town. NASA had confirmed the "space junk" came from a Delta rocket launch into orbit back in 1996. Scientists said the metal spheres could have landed anywhere on earth. Luckily, no one was hurt.

SAT LAUNCH

MAY 10, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:16) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported on NASA's new eye in the sky. The "Goes" Satellite blasted into orbit early that day. The purpose of the 2 hundred 20 million dollar satellite was to track the weather, particularly violent storms like hurricanes and tornadoes. The "Goes" would replace a 6-year-old satellite that could break down at any moment. The new equipment should be in orbit and ready for action the following two weeks.

PLANET ALLIGNMENT

MAY 12, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:26) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Friday, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn would gather around the sun. It had been more than 35 years since those planets were that close. They would not be that close again until the year 2438.

DANGEROUS PLANTS

MAY 15, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:19) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on two toddlers that may have been killed by ingesting poisonous plants.

WILDLIFE WEIGH STATION

MAY 18, 2000 2:00 P.M (2:21) TRT 00:11

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the wildlife weigh station was defending themselves that day, against allegations of environmental dangers at their facility for exotic animas.

ACID SPILL

MAY 22, 2000 3:30 P.M (3:36) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a toxic cloud shut down a busy Southland freeway when a tanker filled with hydrochloric acid sprung a leak. That toxic cloud forced the closure of the ten free ways, between the 2 and 15 freeways for most of the morning.

PECOS WILDFIRES

JUNE 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:13) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that mother nature was helping douse wildfires in Northern New Mexico. Authorities said rain was helping contain the fire. It was also slowing the burning toward the upper part of the main watershed for Las Vegas. Cooler temperatures and higher humidity were moving in which to help fire crews. The wildfires had charred more than 25 thousand acres intake Pecos wilderness. They had also burned three ranch outbuildings and a barn.

HURRICANE SEASON

JUNE 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:32) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 reporter Marti Skold reported that experts were warning those along the East Coast that that year's hurricane season could be fierce. That day was the first official day of the Atlantic hurricane season. National Hurricane Center officials said many of the atmospheric factors that helped create Floyd were still in place. Even though research had improved, little was still known on predicting a storm's strength.

MEXICO WHALES

JUNE 9, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:19) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that scientists wanted to know what killed the whales. Fisherman found 60 orca whales dead in shallow waters on the Yucatan River. Some thought they beached themselves. Others believed the whales died from waste from a Mexican oil company that leaked into the sea. 20 whales were found alive. Officials were trying to move into deeper water.

ANT SIGHTING

JUNE 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:22) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that it was fire season but officials confirmed that two infestations of the aggressive dangerous ants had been found in the San Fernando Valley. The swarms, more than a million strong, were found the previous month in Mission Hills and Chatsworth.

MISSING SWIMMER

JUNE 19, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:11) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported vicious rip currents on our Southland beaches sparked a tragedy. A San Bernardino beach goer was presumed dead that night after swimming in the deadly surf.

SD FIRE

JUNE 22, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:23) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that fire fighters in San Diego had contained a wildfire after it flared up intake Northeast part of the County. The blaze sent billowing clouds of smoke and flames up into the air. It started the previous afternoon but 150 crews had fully contained that night. Crews kept an eye on hotspots overnight. More than 250 acres burned but no buildings were damaged. There was no word on the cause of the fire.

FLOODS

JUNE 26, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:29) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 reporter Marti Skold reported that a weekend of severe storms had dumped 15 inches of rain in North Texas leaving a big mess behind. Dallas area residents were out early, cleaning up the destruction left by flash floods. The waters damaged 75 homes that sat on a flood plain. The storms were being blamed for at least five deaths.

BRUSH FIRE**JUNE 27, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:11) TRT 00:15**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that more than 200 California firefighters that night were battling a Southland wildfire. The blaze broke out that morning in the Angeles National Forest about seven miles north of Santa Clarita. The fire had destroyed 250 acres and officials did not think they would have the fire under control.

FIRE SEASON**JUNE 28, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:16**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the fire season blew into the Southland sparking the first major brushfire of the year. Crews were now moping up after the blaze, which burned 80 acres in L.A. and Ventura Counties. It brought up concerns we could have headed for serious danger that summer.